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SUBJECT: GOE PROTEST TO JAPAN RE LETTERS UNSC ABSTINENCE

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WADA INFORMS ME THAT
EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO HAS DELIVERED
WRITTEN PROTEST TO GOJ ABOUT LATTERS ABSTAINING
ON PLO PARTICIPATION IN RECENT UNSC DEBATE. SAME
TIME EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR MADE STRONG ORAL PITCH
THAT GOJ'S SUPPORT IS NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH
UN DISCUSSIONS OF MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS.

2. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE THREATENED
PUNITIVE ACTION ONCE MENTIONED BY FAHMY. THERE
ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE EGYPTIANS ARE TAKING
OUT THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH GOJ BY RESTRICTING
JAPANESE COMMERCIAL CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES HERE.
GIVEN CONSIDERABLE JAPANESE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO EGYPT AND LOW COST QUOTATIONS WHICH JAPANESE
BUSINESSMEN SEEEM ABLE TO OFFER, LARGELY WE SUSPECT
BECAUSE OF SUBSIDIZATION, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT
THE EGYPTIANS WILL THINK TWICE BEFORE TAKING
ANY SUCH SELF-DEFEATING ACTION.
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